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THE FOLLOWING IS RESPONSE TO REFTEL:

A. SWAZILAND DOES NOT PROVIDE "PUBLIC DEFENDERS" FOR PRISONERS
UNABLE TO FUND PRIVATE COUNSEL UNLESS IT IS A MURDER CASE.

B. YES.

C. QUALITY OF COURT-APPOINTED "PUBLIC DEFENDERS" IS
IDENTICAL TO PRIVATE PAID COUNSEL AS "PUBLIC DEFENDERS"
WILL BE DRAWN FROM THE SMALL NUMBER OF LAWYERS ALREADY PRACTICING
IN SWAZILAND.

LAWYERS ARE APPOINTED BY THE HIGH COURT AT THE CHIEF JUSTICE'S
DISCRETION; IF THE CASE SEEMS IMPORTANT OR COMPLEX THE CHIEF
JUSTICE WILL APPOINT A SENIOR LAWYER; IF NOT HE WILL APPOINT
A YOUNGER, LESS EXPERIENCED LAWYER. WACHOB

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